

WEST LAKE LANDFILL (WLL)
BRIDGETON, MISSOURI

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BACKGROUND:

- The West Lake Landfill (WLL) is located at 12976 St. Charles Rock Road, in Bridgeton, Missouri. The site is about 1 mile northwest of Route 270 and 4 miles west of Lambert Field.
- The WLL site is about 212 acres and consists of sanitary and demolition landfills, and a former limestone quarry. Other operations at the site include a Schumann Cement Company, Red Bird Ready Mix Company, West Lake Transportation Company, West Lake Ready Mix Company, and Marine Contracting Company.
- Radioactive contamination at the WLL resulted from 8,700 tons of leached barium sulfate disposed of at the WLL in 1973 from the Latty Avenue Site.
- Two areas (Radioactive Areas 1 and 2) at the site have been determined to be contaminated with radioactive residues.
- Radiological contamination has been detected on property adjacent to the WLL. This property is located contiguous to the northwest boundary of the landfill and is owned by the Ford Motor Credit Company.
- The Radioactive Areas 1 and 2 are owned by Rock Road Industries and the landfill is currently owned by Laidlaw Waste Systems (Bridgeton) Inc. The PRPs identified for the radioactive areas are the Department of Energy, Cotter Corporation, Rock Road Industries, Inc., and Laidlaw Waste Systems (Bridgeton) Inc.
- The WLL was finalized on the NPL in August 1990.

STATUS:

- Title Search has been completed for the WLL.
- Notice letters have been sent to the PRPs for the Radioactive Areas Operable Unit.
- Administrative Order on Consent has been sent to the PRPs to perform an Interim Action and RI/FS at the WLL. A good faith offer must be submitted in October 1992.
- Administrative Order on Consent has been sent to Ford Motor Credit to perform a Removal at the adjacent property of the WLL. The negotiations for the Removal Action have begun.
- A PRP search for the Landfill has begun.





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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Briefing materials for Administrator William Reilly's October 7 Visit to St. Louis

FROM: Rowena L. Michaels, Director
Office of Public Affairs

TO: Senior Staff

The Office of Public Affairs will prepare briefing papers on key Missouri issues. Administrator Reilly plans visits to Monsanto and with the editorial board of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

General guidelines for your divisions call for **one-page fact sheets** per subject with a **minimum of prose**. Use bullets--underlining--and **highlight key words**. If an issue could generate difficult questions, provide Questions and Answers for that particular subject.

Of particular importance, the Administrator likes:

- Statistics
- Critical Dates
- Funding Numbers
- Other Interesting Facts

Specific items which headquarters asks us to include but not limit to:

- Capacity Assurance state import and export numbers for Missouri (Note successes or failures of state or regional programs)
- Status of Clean Air Implementation for Missouri
- Controversial Superfund Sites, especially if there is a connection with Monsanto
- Subjects of interest to the Governor of Missouri or to the Mayors of St. Louis and the surrounding area
- Missouri anecdotes
- Other important issues

Please submit your issues to Public Affairs by COB Thursday, September 17.

An example of the format to use is attached. Include the headings:

BACKGROUND, STATUS, RECOMMENDATIONS, and CONTACT.

FACT SHEET -- WATER QUALITY/QUANTITY ISSUES

BACKGROUND:

- Under the Clean Water Act, states must adopt water quality standards. Adoption and revision of the standards is subject to EPA approval.
- Water quality standards consist of water quality criteria (which may include chemical, physical, narrative, and other criteria) and designated uses.
- EPA's regulations restrict the downgrading of designated uses.
- The question has arisen whether the Clean Water Act requirements may affect a state's ability to allocate water resources. In particular, it appears that diversion of water in California may be impairing designated uses in the San Francisco Bay Delta area. A specific question in that context is whether EPA can establish minimum flow criteria that would affect the state's allocation decisions.

STATUS:

- EPA has sent letters to California, expressing concern about the impairment of designated uses in the Bay Delta.
- A number of environmental groups have filed notices of intent to sue EPA for failure to promulgate flow-based water quality standards for the Bay Delta.
- California has revised the water quality standards for the Bay Delta; EPA is considering its response.
- A Federal Drought Task Force is considering what action, if any, should be taken by the federal government in response to the continuing drought in California and other areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- EPA is concerned about the viability of the fisheries in the San Francisco Bay Delta. At the same time, the Agency is aware that drought conditions may make it impossible to satisfy all existing water uses. The Agency will continue to work with California and other states toward an optimal resolution of this issue.